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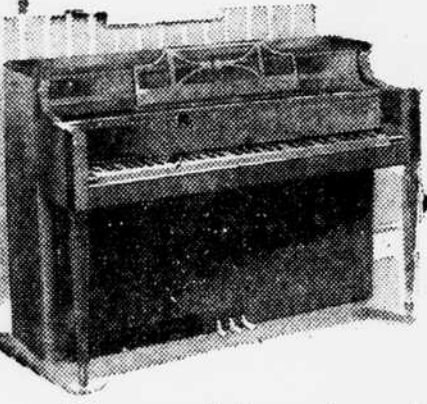
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Fresh Floods Spread New Destruction in England and Wales

By the Associated Press
LONDON, Mar. 19.—Floods spread new destruction throughout large areas of England and Wales today, driving thousands of additional persons from their homes as rising waters in some places edged past record peaks established in the disastrous floods of 1894.

No immediate relief was in sight. The Air Ministry forecast "heavy and prolonged" showers followed by continuous rain. Thousands of troops, German war prisoners and volunteers worked furiously to save water purifying stations and gas and electricity plants, while others sandbagged sagging river banks and flood walls. Community kitchens were set up to feed refugees. Troops in amphibious tanks and waterborne jeeps rescued hundreds marooned up-stairs in their homes.

"It is our worst disaster in 300 years," said the mayor of the Thames River town of Caversham, Mrs. Phoebe Custer.

Flood waters inundated part of 34 counties in England, while the remaining six—Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland and Cornwall—were still clogged with the winter's snows.

Housewives standing knee-deep in water queued for food in the Thames River town of Windsor where little but historic Windsor Castle, a home of the royal family, remained on dry land.

In industrial Midlands troops stood by with explosives ready to breach dykes to prevent a complete collapse of river walls. Through the night men and women patrolled the banks with hurricane lamps, ready to sound an alarm in the event of new breaks.

Flooding thousands of acres of farm lands, the water destroyed much of Britain's vital winter wheat crop and killed many cattle and sheep. Farmers said it would be two years before the ravaged land could be cultivated again.

Lend-Lease Agency to Quit; Did 50-Billion Business

The Lend-Lease Administration, which sent more than \$50,000,000 worth of American supplies to Allied nations during the war, will go out of business Saturday.

Chester T. Lane resigned as lend-lease administrator yesterday. His resignation will be effective Saturday. He said remaining lend-lease affairs then will be turned over to the State Department's Office of Finance and Economic Development.

Acting Secretary of State Acheson said Mr. Lane had rendered extremely valuable service to the Government in the liquidation of lend-lease.

Byrd Charges Reduction Of U. S. Workers Is Slight

Senator Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia, today charged that "the much vaunted reduction" in Federal employment is not taking place except for gradual reductions in the War and Navy Departments.

Reporting for the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, Senator Byrd said Federal civilian personnel, both inside and outside the United States, decreased 22,521 from December to January.

Excluding the War and Navy Departments, he said, there was a total decrease of exactly 999.

Parents to Hear D. C. School System Aide

Mrs. Octavia Reed, of the staff of the co-ordinator of elementary school instruction in the District schools, will address a meeting for parents on dealing with the growth and development of normal children at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Wilson Teachers College.

The lecture, one in a series of four weekly conferences, is sponsored by Wilson Teachers College and the District Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Dwight Avis, chairman of the Parents Child Relationship Committee of the congress, will act as mediator in the discussion period following the lecture.

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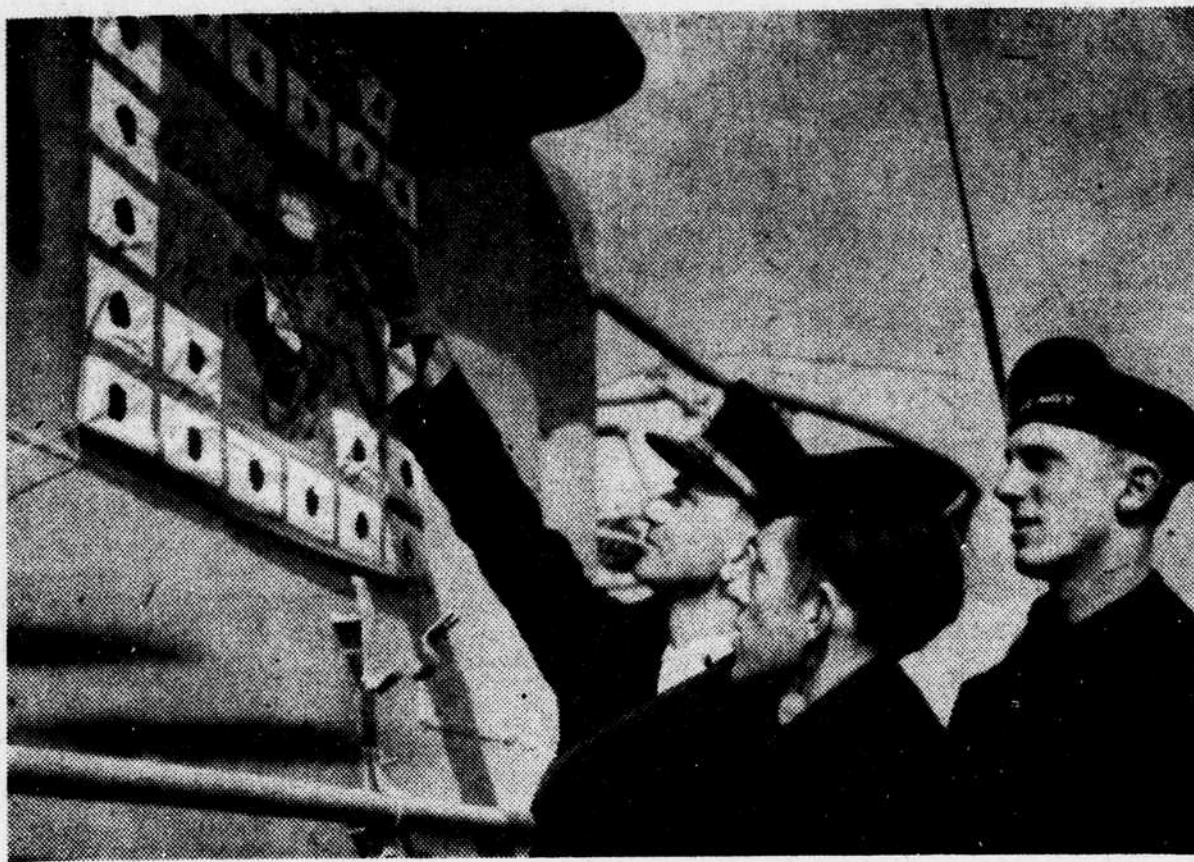
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SUB HAS PROUD WAR RECORD—Lt. Comdr. Frank Alvis, commanding officer of the submarine Drum, which will serve as a training vessel for Naval Reservists here, points out its war record flag to John McNelis (center), 604 I Street N.E., and Patrick W. Zilliagus, 5001 Thirty-seventh place, Hyattsville, Md., both torpedoman's mates 2/c.

Reservists to Train Aboard One of Pacific's Ace Subs

Naval Reservists of the Washington area now have a submarine of their own.

It is the Drum, holder of a proud Pacific war record, which includes the sinking of 20 Japanese vessels.

The reserve personnel of the Potomac River Naval Command will use the Drum for training, but she won't go anywhere. Now a unit of the reserve fleet, the sub has been modified in the interest of safety.

She could be restored to full service condition quickly, but at present is not equipped for diving or underway operations in general.

Reserve recruits having no submarine experience will learn operation of diving gear, armament and other equipment without danger of

accident, officers of the command explained.

The Drum is berthed at the Naval Gun Factory. She was turned over to Rear Admiral Glenn B. Davis, commandant of the naval command, in ceremonies there yesterday.

Capt. Robert Rice, who placed the Drum in commission and commanded her during the first three of her 13 war patrols, was among those present.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy W. John Kenney, the principal speaker, commented:

"The present trend of thought regarding naval warfare indicates that the submarine is destined to continue to play a most important role in our national defense."

He added "I commend to the at-

ention of all young men in this area the opportunities opened to them as members of the Naval Reserve," Mr. Kenney added.

Towed From Connecticut.
Comdr. C. V. Gordon, representing the commander of the New London Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, delivered the Drum from the Connecticut base under tow.

Lt. Comdr. Frank Alvis, commanding officer of Potomac Command, Organized Reserve Submarine Division, will direct the training program aboard her.

Naval reserves here are directed by Capt. Edwin D. Graves. In addition

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to the submarine, they have LST 987 available for training use and soon will have the destroyer Plunkett as well.

Navy planes manned by local Reserve pilots swooped low over the dock during yesterday's ceremonies. The program was broadcast by Station WJAL.

It was announced information concerning billets in the Naval Reserve units here can be obtained from Capt. Graves' office at the Naval Gun Factory.

Air Service Links U. S. and Iceland

By William H. Shippen, Jr.
Star Staff Correspondent

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Mar. 19.—Strategic Iceland on the great Circle route to Northern Europe was connected to the United States yesterday by its first commercial air service when a four-motored transport bearing officials from Washington landed here.

The Air Transport Command is pulling out of Meeks Field, whose American built runways are regarded as some of the best in North Atlantic and American Overseas Airlines is taking over operations with the expectation of running at least three round trips weekly through here with the eastern terminus in Scandinavia.

In about a fortnight the 700 Army personnel here will be homeward bound. The first commercial flight to Iceland took off from National Airport Monday afternoon with Icelandic and State Department officials aboard and arrived here yesterday morning on schedule in 15 hours flying time.

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